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VAIHGNGEN FROM STOCKHOLM JAN 08:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 0067

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SOPN, SW

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE ON INQUIRIES REGARDING ALLEGED
NEAR COLLISION OF US-SOVIET AIRCRAFT

REF: STOCKHOLM 0066 (DTG 081530Z) NOTAL

REFTEL INCLUDES PRESS ARTICLE OF JANUARY 8 CONTAINING DIRECT
QUOTE OF JUDGE GORAN STEEN, CHAIRMAN OF CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY
COMMISSION ESTABLISHED TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED NEAR COLLISION OF
US AND SOVIET AIRCRAFT OVER BALTIC ON JANUARY 5, AS FOLLOWS:
"WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO GET INTO CONTACT WITH THE CREW OF THE
SOVIET PASSENGER AIRCRAFT AND THE MILITARY MACHINE AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE. WE ARE PREPARED TO GO TO THEIR BASES TO INTERVIEW
THEM." IN VIEW OF THIS STATEMENT AND GIVEN THE INCREASINGLY
EXTENSIVE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE ON THIS INCIDENT, I ANTICIPATE
NUMEROUS INQUIRIES, BOTH FROM MEDIA AND FROM COMMISSION WHICH
IS TO BE STAFFED FULLY ON JANUARY 10. I WOULD FIND IT MOST
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HELPFUL TO RECEIVE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE ON WHAT RESPONSE THIS
EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE TO ANY REQUEST FROM JUDGE STEEN
FOR INFORMATION AS TO THE LOCATION AND AVILABILITY OF THE
USAF CREW INVOLVED. WITH REGARD TO MEDIA
INQUIRIES, I SHOULD IN ADDITION APPRECIATE ASAP AS MUCH RE-
LEASABLE INFORMATION RELATED TO THE JANUARY 5 INCIDENT
AS POSSIBLE. SMITH UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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